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**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

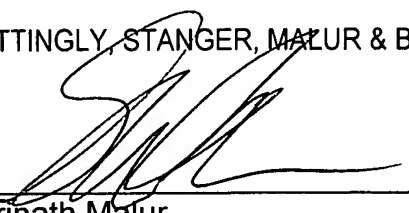
Sir:

In response to the Restriction Requirement mailed May 15, 2006, Applicants elect to prosecute the invention defined by the Examiner as Species I, associated with Fig. 1. Claims 1, 2 and 8-21 are readable on the elected species. This election is made with traverse.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional payment due to Deposit Account No. 50-1417.

Respectfully submitted,

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